

SOLICITATION NOTICE

AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM FULL PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008.

This Solicitation Notice specifically targets those applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal for the 2007 Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program (AWQGP).

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance is accepting applications for the 2007 AWQGP to support projects throughout the State that reduce pollutants in agricultural drainage water.

Funding Available

Approximately \$3 Million is available for this solicitation with a minimum grant amount of \$250,000 and a maximum grant amount of \$1,000,000 per project. A minimum match of 25 percent is required, but may be waived or reduced for projects that directly benefit a disadvantaged community.

Grant Applicant Workshop

A Workshop to assist applicants in preparing their full proposals will be offered as follows:

**January 7, 2008
10 am to 2 pm
CAL EPA Building, Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Program Preferences

The 2007 Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program seeks to fund projects that will serve as models for water quality improvement. Full proposals most likely to receive funding will meet the Proposition 50 program preferences listed on pages 6 and 17-18 of the 2005-06 Consolidated Grant Guidelines (available at the website listed below) and also will demonstrate the following Nonpoint Source Program attributes:

- Well planned and designed implementation activities that have a high likelihood of contributing to the desired water quality improvements based on data and information contained in TMDLs and watershed plans;
- Significant pollutant load reductions that contribute to the restoration of a nonpoint source impaired 303(d) listed water body. Restoration refers to the attainment of water quality objectives and beneficial uses, ultimately resulting in delisting;
- Achievement of water quality objectives and beneficial uses within a specified time-period. Projects demonstrating short-term results (e.g., 5 years) will be preferred, but longer-term results will also be supported.

Solicitation Process

The 2007 AWQGP will use the procedures established by the State Water Board in the 2005-06 Consolidated Grant Guidelines (Guidelines) to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants.

Eligibility and program requirements for the 2007 AWQGP for this Solicitation Notice are based on the Guidelines, which are available on-line at the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/docs/consolidgrants0506/cq_final_guidelines_feb2006.pdf

All invited applicants requesting funds from the 2007 AWQGP must submit a complete electronic Full Proposal (FP) by **5:00 pm on Thursday, January 31, 2008** using the State Water Board's online Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) system at <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>
Late applications will not be accepted.

To be considered complete, the submitted FP application must include all of the items in the checklist below. Applicants should use this checklist to verify all required information is submitted using the FAAST.

Below is a list of State and Regional Water Board staff that applicants should contact if they have questions on funding priorities or eligibility requirements.

NORTH COAST REGION (1)	SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION (2)
Michelle Fortner mfortner@waterboards.ca.gov OFFICE: (707) 576-6706 FAX: (707) 523-0135 Bernadette Reed breed@waterboards.ca.gov OFFICE: (707) 576-2678	Susan Gladstone 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400 Oakland, California 94612 sgladstone@waterboards.ca.gov OFFICE: (510) 622-2352 FAX: (510) 622-2460
CENTRAL COAST REGION (3)	COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION (7)
Angela Schroeter 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, California 93401-5427 aschroeter@waterboards.ca.gov OFFICE: (805) 542-4644 FAX: (805) 788-3596	Cliff Raley 73720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100 Palm Desert, CA 92260 craley@waterboards.ca.gov OFFICE: (760) 776-8962 Theresa Kimsey tkimsey@waterboards.ca.gov OFFICE: (760) 776-8960 FAX: (760) 341-6820
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION (5F)	STATE WATER BOARD
Pam Buford 1685 "E" Street Fresno, California 93706 pbuford@waterboards.ca.gov OFFICE: (559) 445-5576 FAX: (559) 445-5910	Ken Coulter kcoulter@waterboards.ca.gov OFFICE: (916) 341-5496 FAX: (916) 341-5707

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Table 1: Checklist for Completing the Online Full Proposal Application

Within the FAAST, the following SECTIONS must be completed and submitted:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Information Update this section of the FAAST application per the comments received on your Concept Proposal submittal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Funding Programs Check the box next to the "NPS Grant Program". Consult with the contacts listed above for questions regarding applicant eligibility, project eligibility, and program priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Management Please indicate the Project Director and the Project Manager from the applicant's organization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative Information Enter the State assembly, State senate, and U.S. congressional districts where the project is located. For projects that include more than one district, please enter each district. Look at the tables provided in FAAST to assist with determining the appropriate districts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agency Contacts This section must include all agency contacts (Regional Water Board, Department of Food and Agriculture, etc.) that assisted in the development of the project proposal. You may enter more than one agency contact.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooperating Entities List the organizations that will assist the applicant in implementing the project, including partner organizations, consultants, and volunteers. You may enter more than one cooperating entity. We may contact cooperating agencies as part of the application review process.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Questionnaire in FAAST To view the complete list of information included in the Full Proposal application, refer to Appendix I-1 of the Guidelines (starting on page 67).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Performance Measure Classification This is for data collection Purposes only and your responses will not affect the ranking of your project. Describe the characteristics of the project by entering or choosing from the given criteria from each of the following categories in the FAAST Performance Measure Classification Tab. (Please note: Save each entry by clicking on the "Save As Work in Progress" button before moving to the next Category tab) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purpose of the project- Select the purpose of your project and enter the percentage for each indicated purpose. 2. Waterbody- Select the type of waterbody and the percentage that will be addressed in your project. 3. Land Use- Select the land uses in the project area and enter a percentage for each one. 4. Site Condition-Select the Site condition that is causing the impairment that your project will address and enter the percentage for each condition. 5. Implementation Activities-Select the Implementation activities that will be implemented by your project and enter a percentage for each activity. 6. TMDL- Select the TMDL phase in the Attribute name dropdown and select the TMDL Stressor in the Sub-attribute dropdown and enter the percentage for each stressor. 7. BMP- Select the BMPs and the BMP subgroups that will be implemented by the project and enter a percentage for each BMP. 8. Sampling- Select the Constituents that will be sampled and monitored in the project.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Required Attachments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment A Project Description - Limit 2 pages of text plus maps. See Guidelines pages 74 to 77 for Attachments A – F. 2. Attachment B Team Administration - Limit 1 page of text plus resumes. 3. Attachment C Stakeholder Involvement and Coordination - Limit 1 page of text. 4. Attachment D Financing /Funding Match - Detail Funding Match, waiver or reduction. 5. Attachment E Cost Estimate/Budget - Limit 2 pages of text plus Table I-2. 6. Attachment F Schedule – Limit 1 page of text plus 1 chart /timeline if desired. 7. Attachment G Scope of Work and Grant Agreement Readiness - Limit 7 pages. See Guidelines pages 78-79. 8. Attachment J Implementation Proposals Supplemental – Limit 10 pages plus performance measures table. See Guidelines pages 82 -83. 9. Attachment K AWQGP Supplemental Submittal Requirements- Limit 1 page (see page 85 of the Guidelines). 10. Attachment L Application Checklist – Application Checklist from Solicitation Notice (Table 1, above). 11. Attachments M and N are not required. 12. Attachment O Environmental Clearance Checklist – Environmental Clearance Checklist can be found at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/319h.html 		
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For further assistance on the Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program, please contact Mr. Ken Coulter of the Division of Financial Assistance at (916) 341-5496 or kcoulter@waterboards.ca.gov.

For questions about the State Water Board's Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST), please contact FAAST staff by phone at (866) 434-1083, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by email at faast_admin@waterboards.ca.gov.

Table 2: 2007 NPS Implementation Grant Schedule	
DATES SHOWN IN ITALICS ARE TENTATIVE DATES	
MILESTONE OR ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE
Invite selected applicants to submit Full Proposal applications.	December 14, 2007
Full Proposal applications must be submitted to the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. Applications submitted after 5:00 p.m. on the due date will not be reviewed or considered for funding.	January 31, 2008
The State Water Board approval of final grant awards	April 2008